

independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 3 of the Official Action rejects claims 1-9, 37-45, 145-151, 173 and 181 as obvious based on the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,953,003 to Kwon and U.S. Patent No. 6,121,760 to Marshall. Paragraph 4 of the Official Action rejects claims 10-18, 46-54, 73-90, 109-126, 152-172, 174, 176-180 and 182-184 as obvious based on the combination of Kwon, U.S. Patent No. 5,574,475 to Callahan and Marshall.

During the telephonic interview of January 3, 2007, agreement was reached that Figure 3 of Kwon does not teach a current source for supplying a current to the level shifter. Specifically, agreement was reached that the assertions in the Official Action, for example, at page 3, lines 3-5, and at page 9, lines 19-21, are not correct and shall be withdrawn. Examiner Kumar further agreed that Marshall and Callahan do not cure the deficiencies in Kwon. The Applicant understands that Examiner Kumar will conduct a revised search of the prior art and will issue either a new non-final Official Action or Notice of Allowability, as appropriate.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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